

MESSAGE
OF THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
INFORMING

*Congress of the passage of an act of acceptance by the State of Georgia of
lands for the benefit of colleges for agriculture and mechanic arts.*

JUNE 13, 1866.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives :

It is proper that I should inform Congress that a copy of an act of the legislature of Georgia of the 10th of March last has been officially communicated to me, by which that State accepts the donation of lands for the benefit of colleges for agriculture and mechanic arts, which donation was provided for by the acts of Congress of the 2d of July, 1862, and 14th April, 1864.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, June 11, 1866.

FOR

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

James M. Smith, President of the United States, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

It is the policy of the Government to encourage the settlement of the public lands by individuals, and to this end it is necessary that the proper authorities be kept advised of the progress of such settlements. It is therefore the duty of the proper authorities to keep the President of the United States advised of the progress of such settlements, and to this end it is necessary that the proper authorities be kept advised of the progress of such settlements.

Very respectfully,
James M. Smith, President of the United States